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SUBJECT: AMERICAN RELIGIOUS: SISTERS NELSON, LIPSIO AND ARMSTRONG

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REF A, EMBOFFS EVENING NOV 5 EXPLAINED TO US CITIZEN NUNS (REF B) PROVISIONS OF 2 FAM 228.3 ON TEMPORARY REFUGE. IT WAS CLEAR FROM NUNS' COMMENTS THAT THEY CONSIDERED THEMSELVES IN IMMEDIATE DANGER OF THEIR LIVES OR SAFETY. EMBOFF THEREFORE OFFERED THEM TEMPORARY REFUGE IN RESIDENCE OF DIPLOMATIC OFFICER WHERE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE.

2. EMBOFF CAREFULLY EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT THEIR STATUS MIGHT REQUIRE THEIR CONFINEMENT FOR AN UNKNOWN PERIOD OF TIME AND ALSO THEIR EXPULSION FROM CHILE. THE THREE NUNS STATED THAT THEY FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION AND ACCEPTED THE CONDITIONS VOLUNTARILY. EMBOFF ALSO EXPLAINED THAT AMBASSADOR THE NEXT MORNING, NOV 6, WOULD HAVE TO ADVISE GOC THAT THEY WERE LOCATED IN A HOUSE ENJOYING DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY. THE NUNS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED TO THIS PROCEDURE.
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